

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 218  
HONORING NICOLE JENKINS**

**WHEREAS**, born and raised in inner city North St. Louis, Nicole Jenkins proved undeterred and undaunted in her desire to overcome all obstacles. Passionate about education, community and justice, Nicole took advantage of the voluntary de-seg program to attend public schools in an affluent area; and

**WHEREAS**, her wit and will carried her well through her studies but her geography kept her grounded in the stark reality that too many poor and impoverished neighborhoods know: it's a cold hard world for the ignored and forgotten; and

**WHEREAS**, these experiences shaped her honest, straightforward passion to build a stronger healthcare, housing and employment system in impoverished neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, she is also a well-known local media celebrity in her own right, having hosted numerous local broadcast television and radio programs focusing on community development issues. In 2016, Nicole produced a hit show featured on ABC 30 "Back on the Block by Nikki J" that reached over 10,000 households, along with starting a scholarship foundation that awards three Seniors from Sumner High School. Jenkins feels that It's important to give back to those who can't do anything for others; and

**WHEREAS**, Nicole Jenkins sits on the Board of Directors for the American Health Task Force and is a Sumner High School Community Liaison member.

**WHEREAS**, she is the founder and Director of Veterans Advantage Urgent Care. A sub specialty Urgent Care solely for Veterans and the first of its kind in the nation with a special focus on PTSD, Pain Management, Wound and Lung Care through Hyperbaric Oxygen Chamber Treatment and the leading technology in medicine. Same day X-ray's will also be done on site. Veterans Advantage Urgent Care is the result of tireless research and relentless networking and a refusal to accept 'no' for an answer. That's the advice she gives students from the inner city - "Never give up!"; and

**WHEREAS**, Nicole Jenkins boasts over fifteen years of experience in private and public healthcare, including having served on the team of Directors at Mercy Hospital's Lean Design Team, reconstructing its current Charity Clinic (JFK) with the five Lean manufacturing principles: value, value streams, flow, pull, and perfection. She also served on the team of Directors of the Veterans Choice Program for the Mammography Department of the Veterans Administration Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia; and

**WHEREAS**, during her tenure at the VA, Jenkins witnessed first-hand the difficulties facing Veterans needing to be seen at government operated facilities, including a backlog of patients and a lack of outside, community providers to address this overflow of patients. This was the impetus that sparked Jenkins' vision to create Veterans Advantage Urgent Care; and

**WHEREAS**, with state certification as a Minority Business Enterprise and Woman-Owned Business Enterprise, Nicole Jenkins envisions building a new, state-of-the-art urgent care facility near the site of the current Veterans Advantage Urgent Care to broaden specialty services and better serve patients under the Veterans Community Choice Program.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations, during Women's History Month, to recognize the many accomplishments and achievements of Nicole Jenkins and her many contributions to our community. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the Minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to her at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

**Introduced this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022 by:**  
**The Honorable Marlene Davis, Alderwoman 19<sup>th</sup> Ward**

**Adopted this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022 as attested by:**

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**Terry Kennedy**  
**Clerk, Board of Aldermen**

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**Lewis Reed**  
**President, Board of Aldermen**